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SUBJ: UNCTAD: HARMONIOUS ENDING FOR COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES

REF: GENEVA 4403 AND PREVIOUS

BEGIN SUMMARY: SIXTH SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES
ENDED ON TIME IN HARMONIOUS ATMOSPHERE WITH ACTION CONFINED
TO PROCEDURAL DECISIONS TO HAVE RESUMED SESSION OF COMMITTEE
TO DISCUSS NON-TARIFF TRADE BARRIERS AND ANOTHER MEETING OF A
GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES (RBP). NO
SERIOUS EFFORT WAS MADE TO NEGOTIATE ON LDC DRAFT RESOLU-
TIONS ON EXPORT INCENTIVES, TEXTILES, SAFEGUARDS AND ADJUST-
MENT ASSISTANCE. DESPITE FORMAL RUMBLING FOR RECORD, DEVELOP-
ING COUNTRIES SEEMED RECOGNIZE NOT MUCH COULD BE EXPECTED
FROM MEETING SINCE PRINCIPAL ISSUES UNDER ACTIVE
NEGOTIATION IN GATT OR ARE SUBJECTS TO BE TAKEN UP IN MTN.
CHILE WAS UNABLE OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR ITS MORE RADICAL

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LINE ON RPB AND MTN. END SUMMARY.

1. FINAL PLENARY OF SIXTH SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON MANU-
FACTURES (CMVI) ENDED IN HARMONIOUS ATMOSPHERE AND ON TIME.

ACTION TAKEN ON SIX DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TABLED BY GROUP OF 77 (DEVELOPING) COUNTRIES IS REPORTED BELOW. US DEL RESERVED POSITION ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DECISIONS.

I. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NTBS.

2. COMMITTEE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS (WITHOUT VOTE) REVISED TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR NON-TARIFF BARRIERS (NTBS) TRANSMITTED GENEVA 4346. TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON PARA 2 OF RESOLUTION, UK MADE STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF GROUP B (DEVELOPED) COUNTRIES MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) PROCEDURE OF TRANSMITTAL OF UNCTAD DOCUMENTS TO GOVERNMENTS AND GATT NOT ENVISAGED AS NEW PROCEDURE; (2) REFERENCE TO RES 76 (III) INSERTED TO DEFINE CLEARLY UNCTAD MANDATE ON NTBS AND (3) OBJECTIVE OF RESUMED SESSION IS TO KEEP IN MIND PREOCCUPATIONS OF LDCS AND TO HAVE EX-CHANGE OF VIEWS.

II. EXPORT INCENTIVES, TEXTILES, SAFEGUARDS AND ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

3. ON BASIS OF AGREEMENT IN CONTACT GROUP, CHAIR READ TWO AGREED PARAS INTO REPORT OF COMMITTEE. FIRST PARA NOTED INABILITY OF COMMITTEE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON FOUR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TABLED BY GROUP OF 77 AND DECISION TO ANNEX THEM TO REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION AT RESUMED SESSION. SECOND PARA READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE-THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO TRANSMIT THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES ON ITS SIXTH SESSION INCLUDING THE ANNEXES TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GATT AND THAT IT BE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH USE BY THE BODIES OF THE GATT AS THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. UNQUOTE

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4. LAST PART OF ABOVE PARA WAS SUBJECT OF DIFFICULT AND INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS IN CONTACT GROUP. GROUP OF 77 WANTED SPECIFIC REQUEST THAT REPORT BE SENT TO GATT BODIES BUT THIS REJECTED BY GROUP B. EFFORT THEN MADE USE FORMULA AGREED TO FOR UNCTAD DOCUMENTATION (SEE GENEVA 4346). US DEL (WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM SWISS) FIRMLY OPPOSED THIS IN GROUP B SINCE THIS FORMULA WOULD EXTEND CONCEPT OF INTRA-SECRETARIAT COORDINATION AGREED AT SANTIAGO TO INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES. COMPROMISE SIMPLY STATES REPORTS (WHICH ALREADY ROUTINELY RECEIVED BY GATT) BE AVAILABLE.

5. IN PLENARY, SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP OF 77 (NAIK, PAKISTAN)

MADE LENGTHY STATEMENT FOR RECORD EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT
FOUR RESOLUTIONS NOT ACTED UPON. NAIK SAID GROUP OF 77
NOT FULLY SATISFIED WITH DRAFT TOKYO DECLARATION FOR MTN
BUT HAD TAKEN POSITIVE APPROACH TO IT IN CM VI BECAUSE
DRAFT DECLARATION IS USEFUL BASIS FOR MTN. HE MILDLY
COMPLAINED ABOUT GROUP B UNWILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE TEXTS
OR TABLE COUNTER PROPOSALS. SAID 77 WILL NEVERTHELESS
CONTINUE EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES AT TDB XIII, TOKYO AND
28TH GA.

6. TO BALANCE RECORD, UK (GRAY) MADE STATEMENT ON BEHALF
OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF GROUP B CONTAINING FOLLOWING
KEY POINTS : (A) GOVERNMENTS STILL FORMING POSITIONS ON SOME
OF ISSUES AND NOT PREPARED ENTER INTO PRE-NEGOTIATIONS; (B) SOME
IDEAS MAY HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED BY SOME GROUP B DELS BUT DRAFT
RESOLUTIONS MORE IN FORM OF UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS OF LDCS
RATHER THAN NEGOTIABLE TEXTS; (C) WHILE AGREEING TO SEND
TEXTS TO RESUMED SESSION, IT WILL BE NO EASIER TO REACH
AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME; (D) MAIN FORUM FOR ANY NEGOTIATIONS
WILL BE MTN.

III. RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES--SEE GENEVA 4442.

IV. PLENARY DEBATE ON OTHER ITEMS.

7. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF PLENARY DEBATE ON
AGENDA ITEMS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

(A) EXPORT INCENTIVES. DEBATE IN PLENARY WAS
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BRIEF. BRAZIL, ON BEHALF OF GROUP OF 77, MADE STATEMENT
REVIEWING PREVIOUS POSITIONS TAKEN BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
ON EXPORT INCENTIVES NOTABLY REQUEST FOR DIFFERENTIAL
TREATMENT ON USE OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES. LIST OF PRINCIPLES
LATER INCLUDED IN DRAFT RES (TD/B/C.2/L.60)
TEXT OF WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED GENEVA 4337. US DEL MADE
STATEMENT ALONG LINES POSITION PAPERS SUPPORTING NEED FOR
OVERALL EXPORT STRATEGY. DEL CAUTIONED LDCS ON USE OF
EXPORT SUBSIDIES. IT ALSO NOTED RIGHTS OF IMPORTING
COUNTRIES TO USE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND US INABILITY
GIVE DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO LDCS. FRENCH DEL PRECIPITATED
BRIEF EMOTIONAL EXCHANGE WITH LDCS WHEN HE POINTED
TO CONTRADICTION IN LDC POSITION, E.G. LDCS WANTED DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES TO CLOSE INEFFICIENT INDUSTRIES BUT IT ACCEPTABLE
FOR LDCS TO SUBSIDIZE THEIR INEFFICIENT INDUSTRIES.

(B) UNIDO AND ITC. COOPERATION WITH UNIDO AND
ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER (ITC) RECEIVED
ROUTINE TREATMENT. ASIDE FROM UNIDO, SRI LANKA
FINLAND AND BRAZIL WERE ONLY OTHERS BESIDES US TO TAKE FLOOR.

IN LONGWINDED PRESENTATION AMOUNTING TO VERBAL OVER-
KILL, SRI LANKA DISCUSSED MERITS OF UNIDO'S WORK IN
FORMULATING LONG-RANGE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES.
FINLAND, SPEAKING FOR SWEDEN AND NORWAY, EMPHASIZED ROLE
OF ITC IN PROMOTING LDC EXPORTS, WHILE BRAZIL PUSHED FOR
CONTINUED WORK ON INTERNATIONAL SUBCONTRACTING. US
EXPRESSED INTER ALIA CONTINUED SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO
IMPROVE COORDINATION AMONG THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL
AGENCIES ENGAGED IN EXPORT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE INCLUDING
UNCTAD AND UNIDO, NOTED CLOSE US COOPERATION WITH THESE
ORGANIZATIONS, AND SUPPORTED WORK OF ITC AND ITS ADVISORY
BODIES, BOTH THE JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (JAG) AND THE
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE JAG.

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